THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Saturday, the 5th July 1952.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at four of the clock, Mr. Chairman (THE HON. DR. P. V. CHERIAN) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Promotion of Sub-Collectors as District Collectors.

* 15 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAMA MUDALIAR : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the minimum period of service Sub-Collectors have to put in before they are promoted as District Collectors is;

(*b*) whether the rule is strictly followed and whether officers without sufficient revenue experience are promoted as Collectors as significantly pointed out in Gorwala's Report on Public Administration; and

(*c*) whether steps are being taken to avoid such anomalies in the interest of efficiency of public service?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (*a*) to (*c*) No such minimum period has been prescribed. Care is always taken to see that only the more experienced among our officers are promoted as Collectors."

Abolition of races.

* 16 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAMA MUDALIAR : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have any proposal to stop the Madras Races and ban the publication of all news relating to races in this State; and

(*b*) if so, when the Act and the rules governing the above are likely to be brought into force?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (*a*) & (*b*) There is no such proposal."

SRI K. BALASUBRAMANYA AYYAR :—" Sir, was there not originally a proposal in this regard when Dr. P. Subbarayan was here? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, there is a confusion between stopping of races and stopping of betting. The stopping of betting was proposed and it has been accepted statutorily and the date has to be fixed. On a future date it may be introduced but there is no question of stopping of